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End of British Summer Time ushers in the cold

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Forecasters at the Met Office are expecting the first taste of winter, as colder weather is expected to affect many areas as we head into next week.

The Met Office will be working closely with road authorities across the UK using our OpenRoad service to ensure that roads remain frost free, despite the chilly nights.

Winds from the north and the end of British Summer Time will bring a timely reminder that lower temperatures should be expected as we head towards November.

The breeze will bring a mix of sunshine and some snow showers, especially in the north, with the areas further east and south seeing the best of the dry, but chilly weather.

Deputy Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, Mike Trigger said: "This is the first widespread cold snap of the season with overnight frosts likely in many sheltered parts of the country".

Much of October has seen temperatures close to or above average. London recorded a maximum of 22.9 °C on 11 October, although this value was well short of the record of 29.4 °C recorded in Cambridgeshire on 1 October 1985.

Before the cold weather arrives further wet and windy weather is expected across parts of the north and west through the weekend.

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Notes:

- OpenRoad is a road weather forecast package that helps those responsible for maintaining the smooth running of the roads, to plan, manage and minimise the effects of the weather.